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TODAY: US 41 returns to 65 mph in Winnebago County

All lanes open on Lake Butte des Morts bridge

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region office in Green Bay is announcing great news for Winnebago County. The US 41 mainline reconstruction over Lake Butte des Morts is complete as of Tuesday, July 16. The speed limit on northbound and southbound US 41 will permanently return to a 65 mph speed limit from WIS 114 to WIS 26 in Winnebago County. For the first time since 2009, the entire stretch of US 41 in Winnebago County is 65 mph.

WisDOT Project Manager Tom Buchholz said, "All lanes are open just in time for the start of EAA and upcoming Packer season. I am pleased to say this portion of the US 41 Project was completed 10-days early and on budget. The department would like to thank motorists and Oshkosh area businesses for their patience during construction."

In August 2009, the \$54.2 million project started and involved the reconstruction of the WIS 21 interchange, reconstruction of the US 41 mainline from Witzel Avenue to the US 45 interchange including new bridges over Lake Butte des Morts and Sawyer Creek. The work on the Lake Butte des Morts Causeway also includes a recreational trail along the east side of US 41 crossing over the water. The trail will open to the public this fall.

While construction is wrapping up in Winnebago County, motorists will still encounter some nighttime lane restrictions and traffic impacts as minor median work finishes up. Crews will also resurface some overpasses in northern Winnebago County in 2013 and 2014.

All lane restrictions are weather dependent and subject to change.

Visit us on <u>Facebook</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u> for additional details on US 41 traffic impacts and lane closures in Brown and Winnebago counties.

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